

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/511,647

Examiner

Sam Rizk

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/27/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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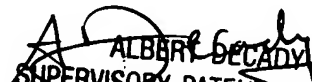
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 10/18/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

- Response to the applicant's amendment dated 3/27/2006
- Amended claims 1-15 have been submitted for examination
- Amended claims 1-15 and have been allowed

Drawings Objections

1. In view of the applicant amended drawings filed on 3/27/2006; all objections to the drawings are withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed on 3/27/2006, with respect claims 1-15 to have been fully considered and are persuasive. Rejection of Claims 1,3,5-8,10-15 under section **35 USC § 102(e)** and rejection of claims 2,4,9 under section **35 USC § 103(a)** of the office action filed on 10/18/2005 has been withdrawn.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. In regard to claim 1, the prior Art of record and in particular Anandakumar (US patent 6,801,499) teaches:
 - A method of diversity error control coding for a system having variable-length packets that carry prioritized data, comprising the steps of:
 - replicating high priority packets in a data sequence to form virtual replications', and

- generating parity symbols from the data sequence and from the virtual replications and generating tag information that indicates a number of the virtual replications (**multiple description**) used to generate the parity symbols.

However, the prior art do not teach, suggest, or otherwise render obvious:

- subsequent transmission of only the data sequence, the parity symbols, and the tag information to reconstruct the data sequence.

4. Claim 2 depend from claims 1.
5. Claims 3, 8 and 10 have similar language to claim 1.
6. Claims 4-7 depend from claim 3.
7. Claim 9 depend from claim 8.
8. Claims 11-15 depend from claim 10

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Rizk whose telephone number is (571) 272-8191. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

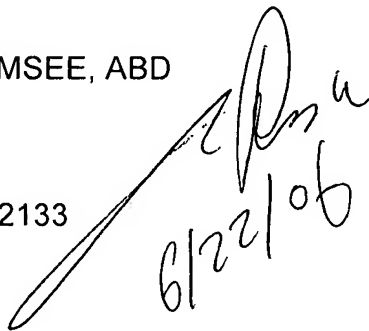
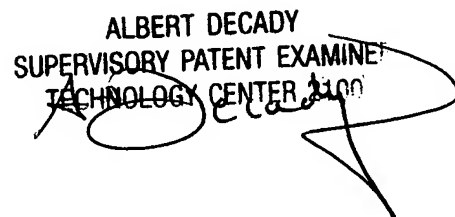
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Handwritten signature of Sam Rizk and the date 6/22/06.Stamp of Albert Decady, Supervisory Patent Examiner, Technology Center 2100, with a handwritten signature over it.